

A RESOLUTION relative to the international status of and
Tennessee's commercial relationship with the
Republic of China on Taiwan.

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Tennessee enjoy a sister state relationship with the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, commercial interaction with the Republic of China on Taiwan has grown substantially in recent years to the benefit of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a democratic, multi-party political system has been smoothly established in the Republic of China on Taiwan in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the direct role of the Republic of China on Taiwan in international development programs and humanitarian relief operations has expanded significantly during the past decades, often in close coordination with our nation's own such efforts; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) Central American countries have proposed to the Secretary General of the United Nations that a supplementary item be included in the provisional agenda of the 48th General Assembly session to consider the exceptional situation of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the international community, based on the principle of universality and in accordance with the established pattern of parallel representation by divided countries in the United Nations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the Senate, by this resolution, strongly believes that Tennessee's ongoing commercial relationship with the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan should be recognized as serving our mutual interests in an equitable and reciprocal manner; that the record of the Republic of China on Taiwan concerning her democratization at

home and her humanitarian service abroad be accorded appropriate recognition by the people of this State; and that due consideration should be given by the United States to the readiness of the Republic of China on Taiwan for the latter's further contributions to and broader participation in the international community, including forums such as multilateral trade associations, humanitarian relief organizations, and the United Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate representative of the Republic of China on Taiwan and to each member of the Tennessee delegation to the U.S. Congress.

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